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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: CHANGE IN TACTICS

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1. WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY ROK AMB. PARK'S OCT. 31 APPROACH TO US ABOUT CHANGE IN TACTICS. PARK'S THINKING, TO WHICH HE BELIEVES ROKG WILL BE RECEPTIVE, IS SIMILAR TO OURS AS REPORTED USUN 4322.

2. I CAN ASSURE DEPARTMENT THAT I AGREE UNRESERVEDLY WITH AMB. HABIB THAT WE SHOULD MAKE NO MOVE WITHOUT CONSULTATIONS WITH KOREANS. BUT I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR FONMIN KIM'S ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK TO CONSULT WITH OTHER KEY SUPPORTERS (UK, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA AND THAILAND) AS WE DEVELOP ANY CHANGE IN TACTICS. WE HAVE WORKED INTIMATELY WITH THAT WORKING GROUP (CANADA ALSO HAS UNDERTAKEN HEAVY LOBBYING LOAD) AND WE AND ROK CANNOT PRIVATELY RWQ TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY, MOVE IN ANOTHER DIRECTION WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH OUR ALLIES ON ACTION WHICH THEY MIGHT WITH JUSTIFICATION SEE AS PULLING THE RUG OUT FROM UNDER THEM. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT ANY TACTICAL CHANGE IN DIRECTION DISCUSSED USUN 4322 AND BY AMB. PARK WILL BE WELCOMED BY THESE ALLIES. HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT JAPAN AND UK HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR INTEREST IN THIS (AND

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AUSTRALIAN INCLINATION IS ALREADY CLEAR), IT WOULD NOT BEHOOVE US TO ADOPT NEW TACTICS WITHOUT THEIR CONCURRENCE. THEY WILL WANT TO BE CONSULTED AND NOT JUST INFORMED, AND WE SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO THIS LEGITIMATE WISH.

(I AM CONCERNED PRINCIPALLY ABOUT INNER GROUP OF COSPONSORS,
BUT NEED FOR EVENTUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER COSPONSORS
ALSO MUST BE KEPT IN MIND.)

3. WE ARE SCHEDULED TO PARTICIPATE IN KOREA WORKING
GROUP MEETING NOV. 2 AND WE EXPECT AT THAT TIME TO BE
PRESSED FURTHER BY FRIENDS REGARDING NEED TO ADJUST TACTICS
TO VOTING SITUATION. IT WILL BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE TO
PARTICIPATE POSITIVELY AND FULLY IN NOV. 2 MEETING. WE
SHOULD DO SO TO PERMIT US TO PREPARE NECESSARY STEPS IN
SHORT TIME REMAINING BEFORE DEBATE OPENS; TO MAINTAIN
COHESION FOR FIRST COMMITTEE ACTION (MEETINGS WITH FULL
COSPONSORS GROUP MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS PURPOSE NEXT
WEEK); AND TO PROTECT OUR CREDIBILITY WITH OUR KEY ALLIES.
WE SHOULD DO SO ALSO TO INSURE THAT THESE ALLIES --
WHO ARE SUBJECT THEMSELVES TO OVERTURES FROM DPRK'S
FRIENDS -- DO NOT BEGIN MOVING IN DIRECTIONS CONTRARY
TO OUR INTERESTS.

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